

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-25 without prejudice and amend claims 1-20 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) In a data processing system including a legacy data base management system having a command language coupled to a publicly accessible digital data communication network, the improvement comprising:

- a. a user terminal coupled to said legacy data base management system via said publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- b. a service request generated by said user terminal transferred to said legacy data base management system for honoring;
- c. a facility located within said user terminal which inserts a call to native script into said service request[[]]; and
- d. a converter located within said legacy data base management system which translates said XML message into said call to native script.

2. (Original) The improvement according to claim 1 wherein said native script further comprises said command language.

3. (Original) The improvement according to claim 2 wherein said service request further comprises an XML message.

4. (Previously Presented) The improvement according to claim 3 wherein said data base management system includes a repository for storage of said command language.

5. (Previously Presented) The improvement according to claim 4 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication network further comprises the Internet.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

- a. a publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- b. a legacy data base management system having an internal format different from XML responsively coupled to said publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- c. an XML message transferred to said data base management system via said publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- d. a converter located within said legacy data base management system which translates said XML message into said internal format; and
- e. a module which embeds native script into a service responding to said XML message translated into said internal format.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said native script further comprises said internal format.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 further comprising a repository within said data base management system which stores said native script.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising a response produced by said legacy data base management system.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication system further comprises the Internet.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of supplying an input to a legacy data base management system having an internal format different from XML format comprising:

- a. transferring an XML document having a call to native script to said legacy data base management system via a publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- b. converting said XML document into said internal format within said legacy data base management system;
- c. embedding said native script corresponding to said call into a service responding to said converted XML document; and
- d. presenting said converted XML document to said legacy data base management system.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 11 wherein said converting step includes use of a Document Type Definition corresponding to said XML document.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 12 further comprising storing said native script in a repository located within said legacy data base management system.

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 13 wherein said native script further comprises said internal format.

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 14 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication network further comprises the Internet.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
a. transmitting means for transmitting an XML document via a publicly accessible digital data communication network;
b. providing means responsively coupled to said transmitting means for providing legacy data base management having an internal format different from XML format;

c. converting means located within and responsively coupled to said providing means for converting said XML document into said internal format; and

d. embedding means located within and responsively coupled to transmitting means for embedding a call to native script into a service for said legacy data base management system.

17. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said providing means further comprises a repository means.

18. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The apparatus according to claim 17 further comprising defining means for defining a format of said native service.

19. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The apparatus according to claim 18 wherein said transmitting means further comprises the Internet.

20. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The apparatus according to claim 19 wherein said repository means stores said defining means for future use.

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